(b) whether Government has taken a decision to return the ground to the Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, by when this work would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The land has been with the Army on hire/lease, the period of which has expired. The matter was taken up with the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, since the land is required for the use of Army. No final decision in this regard has been taken.

Fake encounter in Jammu and Kashmir

2318. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has named 14 persons including army officers as responsible for the fake encounter in Pathribal, Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether DNA samples were deliberately fudged to help the persons responsible for the encounter; and

(c) if so, the details of the investigation and action taken against those who messed with the DNA test?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation regarding the incident of alleged killing of 5 civilians at Pathribal, Panchalthan, Jammu and Kashmir, on 25.3.2000 and for fixing responsibility into the incident of fudging of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples is still underway.

Stress and depression among Soldiers

2319. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a report of military authorities, our soldiers engaged in low-intensity conflict areas feel very much stressed/ depressed as a result of fatigue, which has been resulting in devastating impact on our army personnel; and